

REMARKSClaim Status

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 21-29 are newly presented and are believed to be supported by the application as filed. Claim 1 has been amended in an editorial manner and not in response to the prior art or any formal defect. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Title

The title has been amended. A revised application data sheet is provided herewith to reflect the change.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant intends to file an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form 1449. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the IDS is not matched with the file when the Examiner picks up this amendment for consideration. We also understand that all of the documents cited in our parent applications will be considered by the office (see, e.g., MPEP 609).

Conclusion

An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-495-4575 if any issue remains.

Date: July 21, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

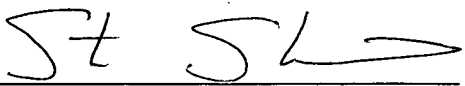
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